

Proposition 84 General Overview Text:

Section. 1: Division 43 is added to the Public Resources Code to read:

Division 43. THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006

Chapter 1. General Provisions

75001. This Division shall be known and may be cited as the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.

75002. The people of California find and declare that protecting the state's drinking water and water resources is vital to the public health, the state's economy, and the environment.

75002.5. The people of California further find and declare that the state's waters are vulnerable to contamination by dangerous bacteria, polluted runoff, toxic chemicals, damage from catastrophic floods and the demands of a growing population. Therefore, actions must be taken to ensure safe drinking water and a reliable supply of water for farms, cities and businesses, as well as to protect California's rivers, lakes, streams, beaches, bays and coastal waters, for this and future generations.

75003. The people of California further find and declare that it is necessary and in the public interest to do all of the following:

- (a) Ensure that safe drinking water is available to all Californians by:
 - (1) Providing for emergency assistance to communities with contaminated sources of drinking water.
 - (2) Assisting small communities in making the improvements needed in their water systems to clean up and protect their drinking water from contamination.
 - (3) Providing grants and loans for safe drinking water and water pollution prevention projects.
 - (4) Protecting the water quality of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, a key source of drinking water for 23 million Californians.
 - (5) Assisting each region of the state in improving local water supply reliability and water quality.
 - (6) Resolving water-related conflicts, improving local and regional water self-sufficiency and reducing reliance on imported water.
- (b) Protect the public from catastrophic floods by identifying and mapping the areas most at risk, inspecting and repairing levees and flood control facilities, and reducing the long-term costs of flood management, reducing future flood risk and maximizing public benefits by planning, designing and implementing multi-objective flood corridor projects.
- (c) Protect the rivers, lakes and streams of the state from pollution, loss of water quality, and destruction of fish and wildlife habitat.
- (d) Protect the beaches, bays and coastal waters of the state for future generations.

(e) Revitalizing our communities and making them more sustainable and livable by investing in sound land use planning, local parks and urban greening.

75003.5. The people of California further find and declare that the growth in population of the state and the impacts of climate change pose significant challenges. These challenges must be addressed through careful planning and through improvements in land use and water management that both reduce contributions to global warming and improve the adaptability of our water and flood control systems. Improvements include better integration of water supply, water quality, flood control and ecosystem protection, as well greater water use efficiency and conservation to reduce energy consumption.

75004. It is the intent of the people that investment of public funds pursuant to this division should result in public benefits.

Proposition 84 Agricultural Water Quality Program Funding Language:

75029.5. The sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) shall be available to the state board for grants to public agencies and non-profit organizations for projects that reduce the discharge of pollutants from agricultural operations into surface waters of the state.